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Subject: Soviet Army Activity and Training in the Kühlungsborn-Wustrow Area

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Warnemünde (062)

1. Increased use of this harbor for military purposes appears possible. During the first week in August 1946, the German submarine escort vessel Saar (about 5,000 tons) and forty or fifty torpedo boats utilized this port.

Heiligen Damm (062)

2. This seaside resort was taken over in its entirety by the Soviet Army. Civilians were ordered out and the area has been blocked off.

Brunshaupten (052?)

3. Former German AA testing grounds near Kühlungsborn (062), formerly Brunshaupten, have been taken over by Soviet forces.

Rerik, Wustrow (051)

25X1 [redacted] Comment: Informant divides this area, apparently bounded by Neu Gaarz, Westhof, Mechelsdorf and Meschendorf, into Rerik-Ost and Rerik-West without providing specific location. Rerik-West appears to be north of Neu Gaarz along the coast.

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4. [redacted] Three barracks contain Soviet Army trainees who speak German and who depart in civilian clothing apparently, informant believes, to enter German factories as workmen. About eighty or one hundred men constitute a class, but the length of the instruction period is not known.

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5. The former AA School II, presently housing infantrymen in approximately regimental strength, is used for trainees. This installation may also constitute a troop reserve area. Equipment on hand includes horse-drawn vehicles, about 300 horses, light anti-tank guns, mortars, and infantry weapons. Some 130 hectares of land have been requisitioned for infantry drill, much of which takes place during the night. Live ammunition is used during field drill. Three dummy transport planes are employed for loading exercises. Informant notes that, while there is a regular flow of troops through the camp, officers are not rotated.

6. Berlin-Gatow. The former AA School I was taken over in perfect condition, but now seems to be in a neglected state following the dismantling of the a automobile repair shop, armament repair shop, engine repair shop for command sets of AA guns, etc.

7. Berlin-West is a troop training area for infantry and armored units. As at Berlin-Ost, there is a good deal of night training.

8. An officers' training course is now being given, eighty officers up to the grade of major, are enrolled. They are billeted with German families outside the area.

9. Present strength is estimated at one mixed regiment, fully motorized and equipped with tanks, half-tracks, personnel carriers, 76.2 mm anti-tank guns, and infantry weapons. The barracks house about 3,000 men.

10. The airfield at Berlin-West has three hangars, which are to be dismantled. The fifty planes captured on the field have been dismantled and set as scrap to Neubukow (051) and Sandhagen (088). At the beginning of August 1946, fifty transport aircraft (two-motor U.S types) landed and loaded thirty soldiers each. They departed immediately, but their destination was not reported.

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